

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT



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The Judicial Resources Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 24-1204 to determine the following:

(1) Based on the judicial workload statistics, whether a judicial vacancy exists in the office of county court of the 4th Judicial District, due to the retirement of the Honorable Thomas G. McQuade, effective January 1, 2011, and make a recommendation to the Supreme Court as to the primary place of office of said vacancy.

(2) Based on the judicial workload statistics, whether a judicial vacancy exists in the office of district court of the 4th Judicial District, due to the retirement of the Honorable Gerald E. Moran, effective January 1, 2011, and make a recommendation to the Supreme Court as to the primary place of office of said vacancy.

(3) Based on the judicial workload statistics, whether a judicial vacancy exists in the office of district court of the 6th Judicial District, due to the retirement of the Honorable William L. Binkard, effective January 3, 2011, and make a recommendation to the Supreme Court as to the primary place of office of said vacancy.

(4) Based on the judicial workload statistics, whether a judicial vacancy exists in the office of county court of the 10th Judicial District, due to the retirement of the Honorable Jack R. Ott, effective January 5, 2011, and make a recommendation to the Supreme Court as to the primary place of office of said vacancy.

(5) Based on the judicial workload statistics, whether a judicial vacancy exists in the office of district court of the 12th Judicial District, due to the retirement of the Honorable Brian C. Silverman, effective December 31, 2010, and make a recommendation to the Supreme Court as to the primary place of office of said vacancy.

The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., central time. The hearing will be held via video conferencing from the State Capitol Building, Room 1525, Lincoln, Nebraska, and will include participation from the following: (1) Panhandle Research & Extension Center, 4502 Avenue I, High Plains Room, Scottsbluff, Nebraska; (2) Omaha State Office Building, 1313 Farnam Street, Room 207, Second Floor, Omaha, Nebraska; and (3) Educational Service Unit #16, 1221 West 17th Street, Distance Learning Room, North Platte, Nebraska.

The Commission makes its determination based on weighted caseloads, adequate access to the courts by litigants, population, judicial duties, travel time and other factors necessary to assure efficiency and service of the court system.

Following the hearing, the Commission will make a recommendation to the Legislature of their determination.

Commission members are:

Supreme Court Justice Michael McCormack, Chairperson	
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Any member of the public is entitled to attend the Nebraska Judicial Resources Commission hearing in Room 1525 of the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and present, either orally or in writing, any pertinent information with regard to any item on the agenda.

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